



Fw: VA-EPA WIP Discussions - Path Forward

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Thanks Jeff. Lucinda - FYI

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fyi...VA WIP "closure" email. I will be sending them a much more detailed summary of our Friday Annapolis mtg with follow-up actions/responsibilities.

One step closer....

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Anthony, Matt, David and Dave,

As we fast approach the November 29 submittal deadline for the final Phase I Watershed Implementation Plans, I want to thank you for the extensive time that all of you and your staff have devoted to our weekly conference calls and the extremely productive meeting we had in Annapolis on Friday. It is critical that we identify, and set a path forward for resolving, all major policy issues that have been raised during our discussions to date. As I have with our past weekly calls, I will send you and your

staff a summary of the major discussion points, outcomes, and follow-up actions from Friday's meeting. I have asked Ann Carkhuff to take the lead in scheduling another conference call for next week and checking your availability for a sit-down meeting prior to November 10. At that meeting I would like to ensure that we are all in agreement on the remaining issues that need further discussion and resolution prior to finalization of your implementation plan.

EPA is asking all jurisdictions to submit any input decks and rewrites of Watershed Implementation Plan chapters or sections by November 12 to allow enough time to exchange feedback and resolve any outstanding concerns or questions prior to the November 29 final submission. We want to ensure ample time to evaluate preliminary results and avoid surprises resulting from EPA's review of the final Watershed Implementation Plans and final TMDL allocations.

As we discussed on Friday, there are several issues for which EPA or Virginia has agreed to provide draft language by the end of next week. I will highlight those actions in my later summary of Friday's meeting.

My hope is that by no later than our November meeting, we can reach agreement on the following issues so Virginia can submit a final Phase I Watershed Implementation Plan that meets EPA's expectations for reasonable assurance and achieves and maintains the nutrient and sediment allocations.

- Resolution of input deck technical discrepancies
- Refinement of James River "Time Bridge", pre-2017 nutrient reductions, and proposed chlorophyll study
- Additional detail and clarification of the proposed expansion of Virginia's Nutrient Credit Exchange Program
- Further definition of reasonable assurance for proposed agricultural reductions
- Further clarification of proposed stormwater reductions, particularly with respect to MS4 permits
- Potential for exchange of nutrient and sediment loads between major river basins and/or exchanges between N and P
- Resolution of TSS backstop allocations
- Clarification of CSO Load Allocations and Wasteload Allocations

Please let Ann Carkhuff or I know if you have any questions. I look forward to our continued dialogue and working with you on developing a strong and defensible Watershed Implementation Plan.

Thanks...jc

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